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needs to be and organized the way it needs to be, the bonds will need to be issued by this interlocal entity that's created by interlocal agreements. So on the one hand I think...I think understand everything Senator Wickersham is saying, I believe, but we need to understand the distinction is this; that if those bonds were issued on a local level this limitation would not apply to them under the statute as Senator Wickersham has described to you. But I think it's going to be a real impediment if we say if you issue these bonds through this big described to you. interlocal agreement process with maybe as many as 50 or 80 entities involved, you will not be able to make your payment under that without staying within your levy limitations. Senator Wickersham says there's only 135 or so that are...that are up to their levy limit, and I'm going to suggest to you that many of those entities are the very entities that are going to need to participate in something like this. And I won't...I won't pretend to read them all or I won't try to, but Falls City, Pawnee City, Benkelman, Osceola, Neligh, Big Springs, a lot of them are medium to small towns and those are the ones that are stressed with levy limitations. They don't have the valuation that our larger cities have and so it's hard for them to accommodate something like this, and it's our hope that this will provide them an affordable way to do it but with a supermajority vote of the board. If there's a local need to participate in this communication system, I think this is I think this is at least as important as the land closure legislation that went through a few years ago. that was terribly important. I think that was done very, very well and we're benefiting from that. But public safety and being able to have a workable, interoperable communication...

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...system is also extremely important. I think we all put a high priority on public safety, and if they decide by a majority, supermajority that they need to participate in this, I don't think they should be hamstrung by having to issue their own bonds versus participating in a more efficient, larger bond issue that would be generated by the interlocal agreement process. So I want to make that as clear as I can. It's a policy decision, no question about it, how important do you